

## Department of the Army, DoD

## § 656.5

travel by off-road vehicles, and to prescribe appropriate operating conditions for use of such vehicles. This regulation implements DOD Directive 6050.2, August 21, 1974, amended August 10, 1977.

### § 656.2 Applicability.

(a) This regulation applies to all installations and activities in the United States under management and control of the Department of the Army by administrative jurisdiction in accordance with a public lands withdrawal, lease, or similar instrument, under the following conditions of use:

(1) Installations and activities in active use by the Army, those held in an inactive or standby condition for future active use by the Army, and those in an excess category (see AR 405-90, for further guidance with respect to excess properties).

(2) Federally operated installations and activities, or portions thereof, which are in full-time or intermittent use by the National Guard, or which are being held by the Department of the Army for use by the National Guard.

(3) Installations and activities, or portions thereof, which are in full-time or intermittent use by the Army Reserve or ROTC.

(b) This regulation does not apply to:

(1) Civil Works functions of the Corps of Engineers.

(2) Facilities occupied by Army activities as tenants when real property accountability and control is vested in another military department or government agency, such as the General Services Administration.

### § 656.3 Definitions.

For the purpose of this regulation, the following definitions will apply:

(a) Off-road vehicles (ORV). Any motorized vehicle designed primarily for, or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain, except that such term excludes

(1) Any registered motorboat.

(2) Any military, fire, ambulance, or law enforcement vehicle when used for emergency purposes, and any combat

or combat support vehicle when used for national defense purposes, and

(3) Any vehicle whose use is authorized by the Secretary of Defense, or his properly designated representative, for official use under a permit, lease, license, or contract.

(b) Official use. Use by an employee, agency, or designated representative of the Department of Defense or one of its contractors in the course of his employment, or agency representation.

### § 656.4 Objectives.

The objectives of this regulation are to insure that:

(a) The national security requirements related to Army lands are not impaired.

(b) The natural resources and environmental values are protected.

(c) Safety and accident prevention is given a paramount consideration.

(d) Conflicts of land use within and adjacent to the facility are minimized by advance planning and by cooperation with local governments wherever necessary.

(e) Year-round outdoor recreational opportunities are maximized.

### § 656.5 Policies.

(a) As a trustee of public lands, the Army has a responsibility under Pub. L. 91-190 and Pub. L. 88-29 to protect and enhance environmental quality, conserve natural resources, and provide opportunities for outdoor recreation. However, it must be recognized that land under Army control was acquired solely for national defense purposes. Other uses are therefore secondary to mission needs.

(b) All land and water areas will be closed to off-road recreational use by ORV's except those areas and trails which are determined suitable and specifically designated for such under the procedures established in this regulation.

(1) In determining suitability of areas and trails for ORV use, each type of motorized vehicle, ORV, shall be considered separately, taking into account its potential environmental impact, the seasonal nature of its use and opportunities for counterseasonal use with other recreational users.